

Neighborhood News

October Meeting Highlights

Preceding the meeting, city officials and several neighbors patrolled the neighborhood. Al Habecker ran the meeting. Our featured guest was Mayor Ed Pawlowski who presented "Rebuilding the Foundation," a summary of progress and a request that citizens join with city government to make Allentown's 250th anniversary in 2012 a real celebration. Mayor Pawlowski highlighted the city's achievements in four areas:

- **Fiscal** - cost reductions, restructuring of debt, expenditure cuts, outsourcing tax collection, staff cuts, revenue sharing with Bethlehem's casinos, agreement with Lehigh County authority for water sales, inventory of all assets, long range fiscal plan, reduction in number of tax-exempt properties, proposal of tax reform at the state level for revenue and tax sharing
- **Public Safety** - surveillance cameras (more than the city of Philadelphia), centralized booking center, 40% crime reduction in 5 years, new location for Allentown Police Department at 10th and Hamilton, waste watch program (future fitting of Waste Management trucks with surveillance cameras), more police personnel on the streets, Citizens on Patrol program
- **Reclaiming Neighborhoods** - more inspectors, "Hall of Shame" for landlords of unfit properties, review of zoning ordinance, Quality of Life ordinances (automatic eviction for tenants' drug offense, greater fines and penalties for noise offenses, large penalty and loss of rental license for landlords who ignore Unfit for Human Habitation designation), connection of parks system for full east-to-west accessibility, school improvements (renovation, increased funding, incentives for reading), reinstatement of Super Sunday and Baby Parade
- **Economic Development** - West End redevelopment, 7th Street Main Street Program, Downtown (Symphony Hall area), Lehigh River Waterfront (new bridge, arena, recreation area)



The nights are shorter and our neighborhood gets dark earlier. Police remind us that installing outdoor lights and trimming shrubs that obstruct clear views of windows and doors are deterrents to crime.

Is there a house for sale in your neighborhood? Would you like the owner/realtor to know about the Student Overlay Guidelines? Call/email Al and Ev Habecker at 610-432-8032 / aehabecker@msn.com



Our next meeting:
Wednesday, November 10
7:00 P.M

Muhlenberg Area Community Watch meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at Christ E. C. Church, 2135 Tilghman St.

We invite residents of any neighborhood in the city to join us!

Future Meetings:
Wednesday, December 8
Wednesday, January 12

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Worship ~ 10:30 a.m.

Citizens Helping Eliminate Crime

CHEC✓MATE

CHEC-Mate, designed by the Allentown Police Department gives Allentown residents a way of calling the police anonymously to report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. Request a CHEC-Mate card by calling 610-437-7522 or attending one of our meetings. In 4-6 weeks you will receive your card with a number assigned specifically to you. When call the communications center, you give only your CHEC-MATE number on the card. CHEC-Mate is a confidential way of reporting crime to help make your neighborhood safer! Take extra care to protect yourself, your family and your property. Please report suspicious people, vehicles, or activity to the police. The police non-emergency number is 610 437-7751. In an emergency call 911.

Phone Numbers to Know

City Information Desk 610 439-5999

Code Enforcement 610 437-7661

Code Enforcement Rental Licensing 610 437-7694.

Community Problems (neighbor disputes) 610 437-7773

Crime Prevention Unit 610 437-7719

Emergency Medical Services (paramedics) 610 437-7531

Emergency Medical Services (non-emergency) 610 437-7751

Garbage Complaints 610 437-8729

Graffiti Busters 610 437-8729

Graffiti in Progress 9-1-1

Housing Compliance/Inspections 610 437-7697

Leaf Pickup 610 437-7587

Police Calls (non-emergency) 610 437-7751*

Rental Unit Inspections 610 437-7695

Sewer Back-up 610 437 7639

Sewer Emergencies after hours 610 437-7751

State Representative Jennifer Mann 610 821-5577

SWEEP (Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste) 610 437-8729

Weeds/Grass Overgrowth 610 437-8729

Yard Waste Recycling 610 437-8729

Zoning 610 437-7630

* When calling 610 437-7751, remember that anything that impairs the peace, dignity, and decorum of the neighborhood is considered "disruptive conduct."